

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for indicating allowable subject matter of claims 11 and 12.

According to the Final Office Action, claims 1 – 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Rhoads et al. (USP 7,050,603).

Further according to the Final Office Action, claims 6 – 9 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Rhoads in view of England et al. (US Patent 7,203,310).

Further according to the Final Office Action, claims 10 and 13 – 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Rhoads in view of England and further in view of Tinker et al. (US Patent 6,829,301).

To expedite the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Final Office Action, Applicant's claims are amended as follows:

Claim 1 is amended to contain allowable subject matter, thereby making it and dependent claims 2 – 4, 19 and 20 allowable.

Claims 5 and 6 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim 7 is amended to contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 8 is amended to contain allowable subject matter, thereby making it and dependent claims 9 and 12 – 17 allowable.

Claims 10 and 11 are canceled without prejudice.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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